

County DIGEST



MAY 2010

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

“Biotech Incubator” to Open in Old General Hospital

Now that the new LAC+USC Medical Center is open in Boyle Heights, plans are underway to transform the old General Hospital building adjacent to it. L.A. County has begun negotiations with Momentum LA with the hope of one day partnering with them to create a small business incubator pilot project for start-up biotechnology firms. The program would be housed in the iconic General Hospital building’s second floor, which totals 113,800 square feet and currently is vacant. If successful, the “biotech incubator” pilot project could grow into a true biotechnology hub for L.A. County, creating an array of new jobs—and eventually putting us on the cutting edge of scientific discovery.



Healthcare Workforce Academy Opening near LAC+USC



As L.A. County’s primary healthcare safety net provider, we must keep our staff trained in the latest technology and medical procedures—and we must keep a steady flow of them employed in our County hospitals. So plans are moving forward to build a healthcare workforce academy next to the LAC+USC Medical Center on a currently vacant lot at the corner of Zonal Avenue and State Street. The 40,000 square-foot building would contain classrooms, laboratories, office space and underground parking. Most likely, the L.A. Community College District will partner with the Worker Education and Resource Center to create the healthcare curriculum and operate the academy.

So as the adjacent “biotech incubator” puts L.A. County on the research and development forefront, simultaneously, our healthcare workforce academy will supply us with a reliable stream of nurses and other healthcare professionals.

New Summer Jobs for Low-Income Youth

The Board of Supervisors has voted to expand the County’s longstanding summer jobs program for young people, tapping federal stimulus dollars to create new opportunities for youths in a variety of low-income settings. With the Board’s action, County officials in the Departments of Public Social Services and Community and Senior Services will gain access to \$11.7 million in new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) monies. This infusion is expected to boost the County’s Summer Youth Employment Program with as many as 15,000 new jobs.

The expansion—proposed in a motion by Supervisors Don Knabe and Zev Yaroslavsky—will target foster youth in low-income households, young adults aging out of the foster-care system, teens in CalWORKs households, teens on food stamps and emancipated foster youth aged 18-24 who are living in qualifying low-income households.

The summer jobs program is administered through the County’s Workforce Investment Boards, which are funded by the federal government. Information on WIB youth programs can be found by logging on to http://www.worksourcecalifornia.com/job_seekers/WS_youth.htm.

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“To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service”

EVENT CALENDAR

Ford Amphitheatre
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(323) 461-3673
www.fordamphitheatre.com

Hollywood Bowl
2301 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90068
(323) 850-2000
www.hollywoodbowl.org

Los Angeles Philharmonic
www.laphil.com
(323) 850-2000

June

12-13 - 32nd Annual Playboy Jazz Festival
15 - Sting with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra
18 - Opening Night at the Bowl honoring Donna Summer, the Carpenters and Jean-Yves Thibaudet
19 - 21st Annual Mariachi USA Festival
20 - Baaba Maal with special guests Playing For Change, plus Yeasayer, Tinariwen and Fool's Gold 25 - Grease Sing-A-Long
26 - ABBA FEST
27 - Goldfrapp, Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club® featuring Omara Portuondo & tUnE-yArDs

Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007
For a list of seminars, workshops and classes, please visit www.arboretum.org or call (626) 821-4623.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)
5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036
(323) 857-6000
www.lacma.org

Art

Through June 6 - Robin Rhode
Through August 8 - Myths, Legends, and Cultural Renewal: Wagner's Sources
June 27–September 12 - John Baldessari: Pure Beauty
July 25-October 17 - Manly Pursuits: The Sporting Images of Thomas Eakins

Music

Sundays Live – Every Sunday at 6 p.m.
For more information on LACMA's Music Programs, please call (323) 857-6115.

Music Center
135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012
(213) 972-7211
www.musiccenter.org

Walt Disney Concert Hall
www.musiccenter.org

Center Theatre Group
www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre
Through July 17 - South Pacific

Mark Taper Forum
Through May 30 - Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo
Through June 6 - The Lieutenant of Inishmore
Sept 1-Oct 17 - The Glass Menagerie

Kirk Douglas Theatre
Through June 6 - Tynan

Los Angeles Opera
(performances in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion)
www.losangelesopera.com

Through June 30 - *Ring Festival LA*

Los Angeles Master Chorale
www.lamc.org

Natural History Museum
900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles 90007
For a list of events, please visit www.nhm.org or call (213) 763-DINO



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County of Los Angeles

CEO Tightens County's Belt

Reflecting the hardships of the prolonged recession, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) William T Fujioka unveiled a proposed budget that attempts to close a \$510 million deficit by cutting labor costs, reducing some services and dipping into reserves set aside during better times. The measures suggested by Fujioka, however, are far less severe than those being pursued by other local governments, including the City of Los Angeles, where officials have proposed sweeping cuts in services and jobs to avert a full-blown financial crisis.

"The County of Los Angeles is still in a very, very strong position," said Fujioka, who credited prudent budgeting by the five-member Board of Supervisors.

Fujioka's \$22.7 billion budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 proposes a combination of departmental cutbacks that include the elimination of 1,374 budgeted but unfilled positions. Fujioka proposes withdrawing \$167 million from reserves, one dubbed the "rainy day fund." He predicted that actual layoffs would likely number less than 100, thanks in part to an agreement last year with unions that provided for two-year contracts with no additional cost-of-living raises. Fujioka said his office is still negotiating with labor representatives to find another \$115 million in cuts.

Given early but encouraging signs of an economic rebound, Fujioka said during a meeting with reporters and County officials that next year's \$22.7 billion budget, which is 3.7 percent less than this year, could represent the leanest of all.

"We're predicting that next year will be the most difficult [of the past three] for the County," he said.

Deep recessions undermine County finances by reducing local tax revenues and State funding while raising demand for vital welfare and healthcare services for the County's neediest residents, whose numbers climb in tough economic times. Here are some of the highlights of the CEO's spending plan:

- The Sheriff's Department would absorb a predicted \$128 million cutback, resulting in the elimination of 300 budgeted but vacant positions and a reduction of overtime spending that has put the department's brass—including Sheriff Lee Baca—back in patrol cars.
- The District Attorney's Office could lose up to 25 unfilled positions and face a spending reduction of \$7.9 million.
- The Department of Health Services would face a \$362.4 million cut, although the CEO's office and the department have yet to say where those reductions would be found.

- Public libraries would see reduced hours at some branches as they absorb a \$4.5 million budget cut. Also eliminated would be adult-literacy programs.
- Total budgeted County employment would drop from 101,113 to 99,736.
- County welfare spending would climb, including a predicted 12.6 percent hike in residents who request General Relief, the stop-gap welfare payment of \$221 per month for the County's neediest residents. The caseload for In-Home Supportive Services, a State funded program to help the elderly and infirm stay in their homes, would grow by 5.5 percent, according to budget assumptions and the CalWORKs assistance program, helping families with children, would grow by \$151.7 million.



The unveiling of the budget is the first step in a long process that includes Board of Supervisors hearings in early May and adoption in June.

Even after the new fiscal year begins July 1, budgets will have to shift as the uncertainties of projected revenue estimates give way to the sometimes harder realities of actual tax collection and funding from state and federal sources. In fact, the budget is not fully finalized until September.

What's more, substantial revisions could occur because of revenue assumptions used by Fujioka and his budget team. They made the calculation, for example that property tax receipts would drop by 2 percent for the year, although the Assessor's Office predicted a drop of 2.7 percent. The budget also assumes that Congress will come through with \$40 million in federal matching funds for health-care programs.

And then there are the uncertainties of Sacramento.

Fujioka said that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed State budget would slash \$1.5 billion from the County, if passed untouched, but the CEO said that will not happen. He suspects that the final State budget could, indeed, create more financial problems for the County but that it's too early to know how severely. Fujioka said that's why he did not factor any possible Sacramento cuts into his proposed budget.

RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 45 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

INTERNAL SERVICES: George H. Crum

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 40 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

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SUPERIOR COURT: Murray B. Gross, Marc D. Lauper, Madeline A. Peck, Barbara A. Ruditis-Mori, Virginia D. Vasquez

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PROBATION: William L. Walker
PUBLIC DEFENDER: Nancy Ramseyer
PUBLIC LIBRARY: Elaine S. Adler
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SUPERIOR COURT: Sandra D. Lindsey, Mary L. Martinez, Alice Taylor

Census Effort Enters its Final Phase

You may have thought that the Census outreach was over. Actually, it has entered its critical final phase. U.S. Census Bureau employees are now going door-to-door to those homes from which a Census survey has not been returned to assist residents with completing the Census. These are likely the hardest to count residents as they have resisted multiple mailings of the form, telephone reminders from the Bureau, and a broad-scale public information campaign to encourage a Census response. The latest response rates indicate an average nationwide rate of 72%, while L.A. County has a Census form return rate of 70%.

If you know anyone who has not returned the Census form, either in your professional activities or your private life, it is vital that you encourage them to be available for and cooperate with Census takers. These Census takers are people hired from the communities in which they will be canvassing. Remember, everyone needs to be counted! The key messages to convey on the Census are:

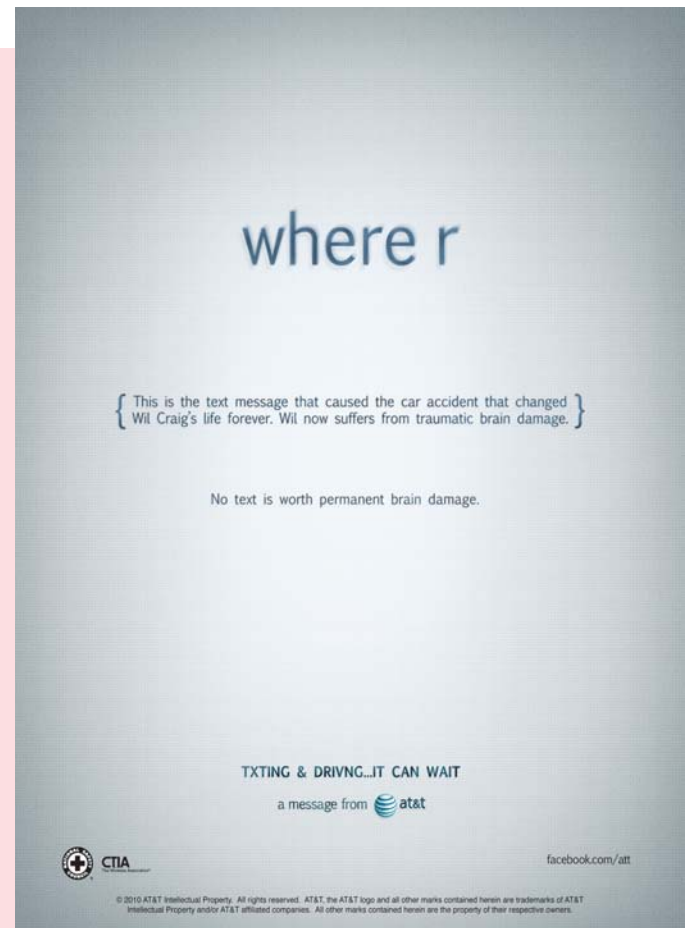
- ✓ **It's Important!** – It means federal and state dollars for critical County programs and services, and it saves County jobs;
- ✓ **It's Safe!** – Census responses are confidential and cannot be shared with any other entity, governmental or private, for 70 years; and
- ✓ **It's Easy!** – The 10 simple questions can normally be completed in 10 minutes or less.

Texting While Driving Can Cause Serious Harm

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich urged residents to follow AT&T's new marketing campaign in its effort to educate the general public about the dangers of texting while driving and promote safe driving across California.

A recent Pew Internet & American Life Project study found that 26% of American teens of driving age say that they have texted while driving and 48% of all teens 12 to 17 say that they have been a passenger while a driver has sent a text message. According to a Virginia Tech study, sending electronic text messages while driving makes an accident 23 times more likely. The U.S. Department of Transportation has banned all commercial truck and bus drivers from sending electronic text messages while driving, with the support of the drivers' unions.

In California, it is illegal to send electronic text messages while driving. AT&T has initiated a new public awareness campaign on the dangers of texting while driving. The new campaign will span print, radio, TV and online advertising, as well as in-store signage, collateral and online billing. In addition, parents, high school educators and, most importantly, youth can now visit AT&T's online resource center www.att.com/txtngcanwait. The site includes downloadable information about texting while driving such as a parent-teen pledge; a teen-teen pledge; a poster; a brochure; safety tips; and more.



Second District Staff Promote Census “Complete Count Day”



Recognized throughout the County as “Complete Count Day,” Second District representatives donned Census 2010 t-shirts to encourage citizens to turn in their census forms on April 1.

Make sure L.A. County counts in the 2010 census! Complete and return your census forms today!

Visit <http://www.census.lacounty.gov/> for more information.

Women’s Health Month

The month of May is “Women’s Health Month.” This annual recognition is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle for women by being active, eating smart, not smoking, and getting regular checkups and screenings. The health and well-being of women are essential to the well-being of their families and the communities in which they live. During these difficult economic times, maintaining a healthy lifestyle is key to countering stress and daily pressures.

Creating awareness of health inequities against low-income women and women of color, their families and their communities, and then devising strategies to begin closing the health gaps is a major focus of the Department of Public Health’s Office of Women’s Health. Therefore, during the month of May, there are many activities planned throughout the County to focus attention on women’s health issues. For example, free health screenings will be available to low-income, underserved women, who may contact the Office of Women’s Health hotline at 1-800-793-8090. For more information, please visit the Office of Women’s Health Web site at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/owh/index.htm>.

National Gang Violence Conference Coming to Anaheim

The California Gang Investigators Association (CGIA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department will present the 19th Annual Gang Violence Conference on June 29 through July 2 at the Hilton Anaheim Hotel in Anaheim.

The conference offers classes for peace officers, public officials, and educators working in gang enforcement and gang prevention. Classes include an executive course for elected officials, a community course for directors of community-based programs and a law enforcement course for public safety personnel.

Experts will address such topics as: Gang Suppression Strategies, Gang Unit Management, Graffiti, Policy Maker Topics, Gangs and the News Media, Technology/Information Based Policing, Gang Intervention Workers,



Gang Prevention and Intervention Strategies, and Gangs in Schools. To learn more about the programming, visit the California Gang Investigators Association at www.cgiaonline.org. Non-CGIA member attendance is \$295. Early registration ends June 21.

Supervisor Antonovich Recognizes “Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide”

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 20, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented a scroll to members of the Armenian community in recognition of the passage of his motion proclaiming April 24, 2010 as “Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923” throughout Los Angeles County.

“Los Angeles County is home to the largest population of Armenians in the United States, and they have enriched our County through their leadership in the fields of business, agriculture, academia, medicine, government and the arts,” said Supervisor Antonovich.

On April 24, 1915, the Turkish government began the systematic extermination of the Armenian community. Religious, political and intellectual Armenian leaders were among the 1.5 million victims who were arrested and murdered.

humanity. The past 95 years have been years of victory for the sons and daughters of the Armenian nation who have continued their struggle in preserving their faith and culture. However, it is also important to pay homage to all those nations and countries which have supported the survivors of the Genocide and have shown their respect to the memory of the victims.

We are no longer a nation mourning our losses. On the contrary, we are celebrating the Resurrection of our nation. In the words of His Holiness Karekin I, the late Catholicos of All Armenians “Armenians die but the Armenian spirit lives on. A nation that refuses to die lives forever” (Karekin I - 1995, 1997). However, the current progress of our young generation does not and cannot permit us to lessen within our conscience the obligation to carry on the surviving spirit of the victims



“Due to this horrible tragedy, the Armenian community is committed to ensuring that those who have died due to human rights atrocities are never forgotten,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “By consistently remembering and openly condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenians, Los Angeles County demonstrates its sensitivity to the need for constant vigilance to prevent similar events in the future.”

His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church in North America delivered his message at the start of the session.

“This year, Armenians around the world commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide which was perpetrated by the Ottoman Turks and urge all nations to recognize the Genocide. The act of genocide perpetrated with premeditation is a vivid crime against

of the Genocide and above all, the recognition of the Genocide.

We are here today, with dual responsibilities as Armenian Christians who ought to guard and cherish their God-given gifts and we are also here as citizens of the United States of America filled with the spirit of the founding fathers of this great nation to become exemplary leaders of our communities.”

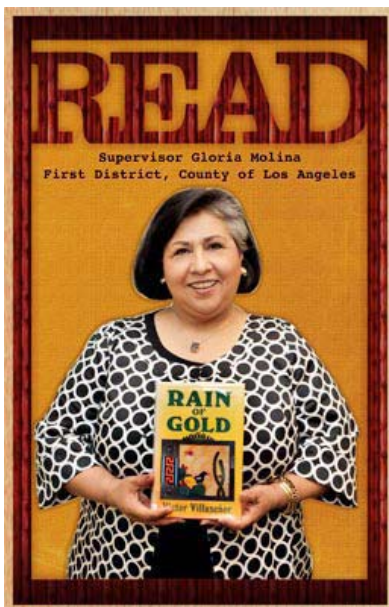
The Primate was joined by His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, Vicar General Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Dz. V. Yardemian, Diocesan Council members Armen Hampar, Bob Barsam and Hermine Janoyan, Ladies Society Central Council Chair Araxie Boyamian, Diocesan Youth Director Rev. Fr. Avedis Abovian, and Western Diocese Executive Director Harout Markarian.

ENRICHING LIVES...

County Public Library Enlists Help from Supervisors in Marketing Campaign

Taking a page from the national READ! campaign, the County Public Library has decided to enlist some in-house talent for its latest poster blitz. The five Los Angeles County Supervisors, each holding a favorite book, are featured in the new posters, created using special software provided by the American Library Association, that will go up in the County's 85 libraries over the next few weeks.

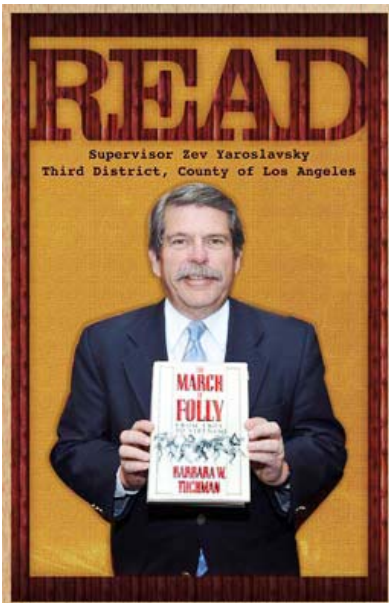
These are challenging times for libraries everywhere and the new proposed County budget would cut hours at some branches and eliminate the adult literacy program. The mission of the library remains the same, which is to promote reading and literacy throughout diverse communities. Here's a peek at the posters, along with a few words from each Supervisor about the book they chose.



Supervisor Gloria Molina - First District

Rain of Gold by Víctor E. Villaseñor

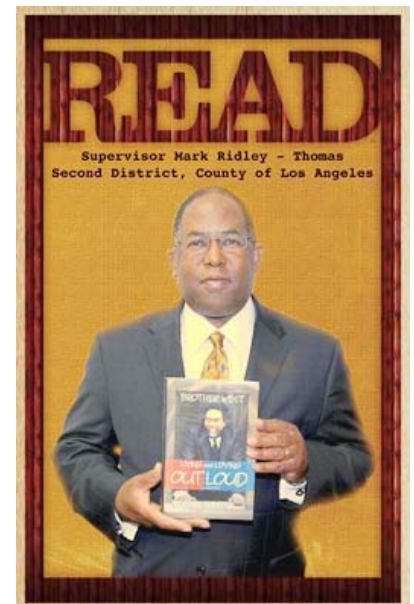
I chose Victor Villaseñor's *Rain of Gold* because it is an epic Mexican-American story. The book tells the tale of Juan and Lupe Salvador as they fled from Revolutionary-era Mexico to the United States in search of a better life. Villaseñor always insisted that *Rain of Gold* was a non-fiction account of his family history, which is probably why his descriptions of 1920s and 30s Southern California are so vivid — and why the book itself is such a great read.



Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas - Second District

Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud, A Memoir by Cornel West

I chose this book because Cornel West is a native Californian and one of our nation's foremost public intellectuals. He is a brilliant, passionate and courageous scholar dedicated to making the world better. I've been fortunate to carry on a 30-year conversation with Dr. West and firmly believe we could all learn from his writings — the latest of which is his memoir, "Living and Loving Out Loud."



Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky - Third District

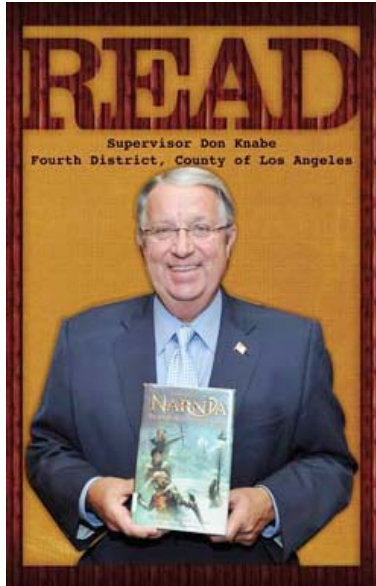
The March of Folly by Barbara Tuchman

The *March of Folly*, by Barbara Tuchman, has become my bible in the making of public policy. Her assertion that folly is "a perverse persistence in a policy that is demonstrably unworkable," should guide decision-makers in every walk of life, especially in government. I have long recommended this volume to newly elected officials, and I refer to it constantly as a reminder of the "do's" and "don'ts" in decision-making.

Supervisor Don Knabe - Fourth District

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (1950) by C.S. Lewis

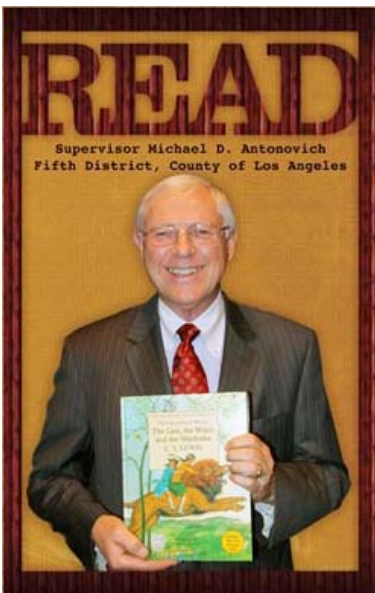
This classic book has special meaning for the Probation Department's Operation Read program, which I helped create and fund more than a decade ago. A few years back, Lewis' book was the annual choice of Operation Read. Great books like this represent the backbone of what Operation Read is all about—building literacy skills among participating young people, helping them gain knowledge and move more successfully into their futures.



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich - Fifth District

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (1950) by C.S. Lewis

The first book in the C.S. Lewis series, "The Chronicles of Narnia," is a Judeo-Christian allegorical tale of temptation, transformation and redemption that challenges readers of all ages to exercise their minds and imaginations. It is a brilliant and powerful story my children and I enjoyed reading together and that I would recommend parents share with theirs.



County of Los Angeles



Strategic Plan

Enriching Lives
lacounty.gov

County Mission

- To enrich lives through effective and caring service

County Values

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our shared values:

- Accountability** – We accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- Can-Do Attitude** – We approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- Compassion** – We treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- Customer Orientation** – We place the highest priority on meeting our customers' needs with accessible, responsive quality services, and treating them with respect and dignity.
- Integrity** – We act consistent with our values and the highest ethical standards.
- Leadership** – We engage, motivate and inspire others to collaboratively achieve common goals through example, vision and commitment.
- Professionalism** – We perform to a high standard of excellence. We take pride in our employees and invest in their job satisfaction and development.
- Respect for Diversity** – We value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- Responsiveness** – We take the action needed in a timely manner.

Strategic Plan Goals

- Operational Effectiveness:** Maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.
- Children, Family and Adult Well-Being:** Enrich lives through integrated, cost-effective and client-centered supportive services.
- Community and Municipal Services:** Enrich the lives of Los Angeles County's residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and lifelong learning facilities programs; ensure quality regional open space, recreational and public works infrastructure services for County residents; and deliver customer oriented municipal services to the County's diverse unincorporated communities.
- Health and Mental Health:** Improve health and mental health outcomes and efficient use of scarce resources, by promoting proven service models and prevention principles that are population-based, client-centered and family-focused.
- Public Safety:** Ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

Gloria Molina Supervisor, First District	Mark Ridley-Thomas Supervisor, Second District	Zev Yaroslavsky Supervisor, Third District	Don Knabe Supervisor, Fourth District	Michael D. Antonovich Supervisor, Fifth District
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TOY LOAN PROGRAM



You Can Help!

Support this worthwhile program by making a monetary contribution. Your donation will help purchase much needed **new** toys such as:

- Role-playing toys
- Interactive toys & equipment
- Science toys & equipment
- Math games & equipment
- Adaptive learning toys (for children with learning/development disabilities)
- Books
- Board games
- Sports equipment
- And much more!

SUMMER FUNDRAISER



Co-sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Social Services, the Toy Loan Program is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Every year from June 15th through the end of September, Toy Loan's Annual Summer Fundraiser raises monetary and toy donations to be used for all Toy Loan Centers. "Playground barrels" are placed in County offices, as well as other community organizations, for individuals to donate new, unwrapped toys.

This year, we would like to outdo our fundraising efforts from last year. That's why we're asking for your help in achieving our goal. Without generous donors such as yourself, the Toy Loan Program would not be able to continue to put smiles on the faces of thousands of children who otherwise may never have the opportunity to play with toys.

Many child development experts agree that play is an essential element for the development of healthy children. We here at Toy Loan agree and that's why our aspiration is to give that opportunity to as many children as possible. That's where you come in. Please donate and make a difference in a child's life.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE STRICTLY VOLUNTARY AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

For more information you may call
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"The Program with a Heart" - ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISER
June 15th - September 30th



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Please accept my donation of:

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Toy Loan Advisory Board

2615 S. Grand Ave. 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Please send in no later than September 30th.

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Work Address _____

Historic MTA Vote to Fund Gold Line Extension from Pasadena to Azusa

Following the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) historic vote to fully fund Phase IIA of the Gold Line Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa, MTA Director Michael D. Antonovich joined his fellow members of the MTA in holding a press conference on the historic vote for the San Gabriel Valley and regional transportation.

The action followed a motion in October 2009 by Supervisor Antonovich and co-authored by San Gabriel Valley MTA Director John Fasana and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas amending the MTA's long-range plan.

"Today's historic vote brings us one step closer to building a regional transportation system and connecting the San Gabriel Valley to Ontario Regional Airport," announced MTA Director Fasana and Supervisor Antonovich. "This vote transfers \$690 million of Measure R dollars from the MTA to the Gold Line Construction Authority to build 12 miles of light rail from Pasadena to Azusa through six stations in the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa."

The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation states this project will create 7,000 jobs and



\$1 billion in economic output during the 30 months of construction. It also cements into place the master cooperative agreement between MTA and the Gold Line Construction Authority to ensure the project is built to MTA design and safety standards.

"Now with today's agreement, the Construction Authority will be able to accelerate the opening of the extension to Azusa from 2017 to 2014," Supervisor Antonovich added. "After Claremont, we will work with the County of San Bernardino to explore connecting the line to the Ontario Regional Airport."

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas Partners with Remote Area Medical on Return of Mega Free RAM/LA Medical Clinic at L.A. Sports Arena

On March 24, just one day after President Obama signed the historic national healthcare reform bill, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas joined representatives of Remote Area Medical® (RAM) on the floor of the Los Angeles Sports Arena to announce the return of the week-long free healthcare clinic that last year provided about 14,500 services to more than 6,300 patients. The second annual RAM/LA was held April 27 to May 3 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

The Supervisor was joined by Stan Brock, founder of RAM, which offers free health, dental and vision care in the United States and underdeveloped countries; Speaker Emeritus Karen Bass; A&M Records co-founder and philanthropist Jerry Moss; and Los Angeles Coliseum Commission President Barry Sanders. RAM/LA once again provided free healthcare services to those who are uninsured,



underinsured or unemployed – without cost to the patient, taxpayers or the government.

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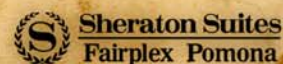
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“The historic health reform legislation will mean many of the County’s 2.1 million uninsured residents will qualify for free Medicaid and federal subsidies to buy health insurance,” said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. “However, the bill is just a beginning. Implementation will take place over four years. We will continue to need events like RAM/LA to fill in the gaps and provide services to our uninsured throughout the County.”

In anticipation of a tremendous turnout this year, the organizers issued a call for volunteers to serve those who visit the clinic. In addition to professionally trained medical

specialists, RAM/LA needed non-medical volunteers to help register patients, manage patient flow and assist professional staff.

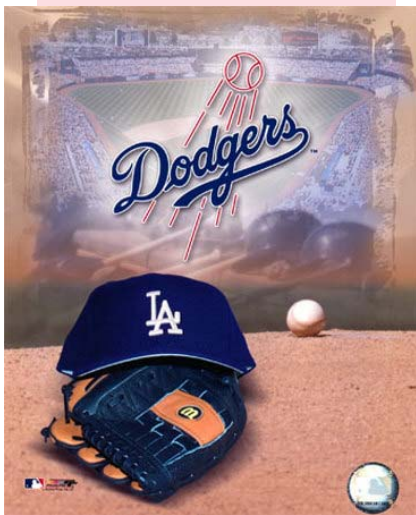
“We hope to draw additional support from optometrists, dentists and food vendors to provide added services and ready-made food or grocery donations for the event,” said Brock. “We would like to expand capacity with more volunteers and resources to be able to provide care to 1,200 or more patients daily.”

The call for medical and non-medical volunteers was heard and the event was once again an overwhelming success.

Think Blue, Act Green—New Dodger Stadium Express Bus

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined officials from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium to unveil a new Dodger Stadium Express Service Bus to Union Station.

A member of the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), Supervisor Antonovich secured a \$300,000 grant from the Mobile Sources Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to operate a no-cost Express Bus connecting Dodger Stadium to Union Station for the 2010 season.



“Dodger fans across the County can now avoid the traffic, save gas and help improve air quality by using public transit and our new Dodger Stadium Express Bus to get to the game,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “We want all of our Dodger fans to ‘Think Blue, Act Green’ and as an Angels fan who grew up in South Central Los Angeles, we want to see in 2010 the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim



play the Los Angeles Dodgers of Chinatown for the World Series.”

State-of-the-art 40-foot clean-burning compressed natural gas buses will run between Union Station and Dodger Stadium every 10 minutes prior to the start of the game and run approximately every 30 minutes throughout the game. Union Station is served by Metro buses and rail, Metrolink and many regional bus lines. Dodger game admission tickets will be honored as fare payment to ride the bus.

For specific route and schedule information, visit www.metro.net or call 1-800-COMMUTE.

Supervisor Antonovich serves on the Board of the MTA and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

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Bank of America: No checking account maintenance fee with monthly direct deposit; free first order of standard checks; option to participate in the Keep the Change program; and a free photo Visa check card.

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US Bank: No checking account maintenance fee with \$50 minimum deposit to open account; no minimum balance required; free first box of US Bank style checks; free check card with rewards and free online statements.

Wells Fargo: No checking account maintenance fee with monthly direct deposit; free “Exclusive” style checks; free online statements and check images; and a free gold check card with optional rewards program.

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